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Reply to Attn of:

Office of the General Counsel

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at Town Hall-Los Angeles,
September 30, 2004

On September 30, 2004, Boeing will host a reception in conjunction with the Town Hall-Los Angeles luncheon. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, will be the featured luncheon speaker. He will discuss "America's Vision for Space Exploration." I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to these events to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The reception and luncheon will be widely attended by approximately 170 people. The cost of the luncheon, which includes food and beverages is \$40 per person. Community leaders from the public and private sector will attend the luncheon. Town Hall-Los Angeles is a nonpartisan, nonprofit speakers forum that offers a platform for the exchange of ideas that will ensure the well-being of the Los Angeles community through the next millennium. The speakers are from the local, state, national, and international levels. The luncheon will allow guests the opportunity to further discuss "America's Vision for Space Exploration." As such, I find that the luncheon meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I, therefore, conclude that NASA interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence NASA employees in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend without charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Andrew Falcon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

R. Andrew Falcon